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A STIRRING WEEK

CINCINNATI PUTS ONE IN DOING SOCIALIST AGITATION.

State Organizer Frank Bohn Addresses Crowd Nightly—Ends Up With Vigorous Onslaught on Working Class Mis-leaders—Plans Made to Keep Up the Good Work.

[Special Correspondence.]

Cincinnati, August 28.—On the 14th of August our State Organizer, Comrade Bohn, arrived in the Queen city. We immediately got together by the way of preparation for agitation, while Comrade Bohn looked up all the sympathizers and comrades. Then we proceeded to procure a permit. We called on his majesty, the chief of police, who acted in a very sarcastic manner, regarding the situation and referred us to the mayor (the highest instance). Sunset having arrived, we did not deem it fit to appear before his highness, the mayor. That was Monday, the 15th. We then went down to Court and Vine and held an open-air section meeting. We outlined a plan of procedure, which was as follows:

That very night we distributed 200 "Why Strikes Are Lost" and 25 Weekly Peoples, stating to receivers that we would hold an open-air agitation meeting Tuesday night, permit or no permit.

Tuesday our organizer succeeded in procuring a permit from his mayoralty for the whole week, except Saturday night, on Court and Vine market, because for the latter night place the famous "Socialist" party has a "standing permit."

Tuesday night Bohn spoke to about 250 people. The subject was, "The Aims and Objects of the Socialist Labor Party." Bohn, being gifted with eloquence, and understanding the subject, held his hearers to the finish.

After the meeting, we called for questions, after which followed the announcement of our press and literature, with the result that we sold 10 pamphlets and distributed 150 leaflets and 80 Weeklys.

Wednesday night we met again. The subject was "The Burning Question of Trades Unionism." The size of the audience was the same as that of the previous night. After the meeting questions were asked, to all of which Bohn very ably responded. One of the questions was (probably from an artist) whether Socialism wouldn't extirpate the incentive of art? After Bohn answered, he asked the questioner whether his question was satisfactorily answered, on which the interrogator replied, "Brilliantly." Bohn showed him how capitalism, by making art and science a commodity, simply degrades it.

Having a systematic division of labor, the comrade near him asked the man to put his signature on a nominating petition, which the man very readily did; and when the seller of pamphlets faced him, he pulled out his coin from his pocket and purchased "Socialism," by McClure.

Now, another episode. A certain member of the petite bourgeoisie asked "Whether, if he inherited 10,000 dollars and invests it in 'peasiness' isn't he entitled to the 'reasonable' amount of 75 per cent profit?" Being positive that he would receive a trenchant reply, he skipped.

That night we distributed 225 leaflets and sold 15 pamphlets. To sum up, the meeting was a brilliant success.

The subject of Thursday night was: "The Outrages in Colorado." We had the same order as previously. We collected a good amount of signatures, distributed 80 Weeklys, 100 leaflets and sold 9 pamphlets. After we finished the street meeting, Bohn invited the audience to our headquarters, 1320 Vine street, where we got a new applicant for membership. We suspended our regular order of business (this being our regular business meeting night) and, to the satisfaction of the strangers, we explained the aims and objects of the S. L. P. and the S. T. & L. A., and pointed out the rotteness of capitalism, pure and simple, Ku Kluxism, etc., distributed application cards and constitutions and all other necessary ammunition to make a militant S. L. P. member. We took the names of all sympathizers present and adjourned. At all meetings we did not fail to make Bohn explain "The Difference."

Friday night we were on the battle-field again. Subject: "Objections to Socialism." We distributed 200 leaflets and

sold 19 pamphlets. When questions were in order, one among them was that of the shining light, "Comrade" Glickert, our future lawyer and "speaker of the Socialist party." It was a manifold one, and Bohn, having flogged him every time, he squirmed like a worm, referring to their "enormous press." Bohn showed the private interest nature of their "mammoth press," taking them one after another, from "Appeal to Nervousmating" down to the Seattle "Socialist." The greatest stress he laid on "Wilshire's Magazine." He showed how this is a mere self-advertisement scheme for a concealed individual, christened H. Gaylord Wilshire, how an article appeared there wherein he places himself besides Karl Marx, and how the whole article was a fake, it being entitled "Socialism and Phrenology," the latter being no science at all. Glickert (poor fellow) had to start off with his head down and all the fake Socialists with him. The S. L. P. corps showed very lively life.

After the street meeting, we called the audience to our headquarters. The result was: we got another application. We proceeded as we did Thursday night, the difference being that this night the sympathizers showed more interest in the meeting. Among other questions was one: "Does the S. L. P. accept only workers?" Of course, everything was answered satisfactorily. After adjournment the sympathizers discussed the things spoken for a long while.

Saturday night we had no meeting. Isn't that a wonder? But we mapped out a different line of propaganda. The Court and Vine corner is by far the most important corner on which the wicked Socialists are permitted to speak. (Apropos: When Vaupel, the "Socialist" party agitator, had an interview with acting mayor Gordon and asked him why he allows the Salvation Army to dish out their theories in the business part of the city, and bars out Socialists, he answered: "The Salvation Army does a whole lot of good, whereas Socialism is a thing no man of sense would believe in.")

The carpenter carries more tools than any other craftsman. The average cost of a kit is fifty dollars, and it is always a serious problem for a carpenter when necessity forces him to leave one town for another "in the endless search for a 'steady job'" how far trials he shall carry with him and yet be able to compete with others and hold a job. He generally finds that all he has is none too many; in fact, new building methods and new tools for the same, force him to constantly add to his kit.

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of all the skilled trades the carpenter trade is probably the most universal, and its followers the largest in numbers. A proficient carpenter is supposed to be able to construct any kind of building, from a common coal-shed to a modern six story apartment house, and, not excepting palatial country homes, mammoth sea side pavilions and hotels, or the wood work in modern skyscrapers. This is, probably, the largest sphere of activity covered by any trade.

This trade like others, has been greatly revolutionized in the last quarter of a century. In balloon framing, toe-nailing has entirely superseded tenoned joints. Heavy timber framing is almost a lost art, being superseded by steel and iron. Mouldings, casings, window and door frames, brackets, lookouts, stairs, railings, etc., which used to be all done by hand, are now made in the mills by immense machinery. Instead of one set of carpenters starting and finishing a house, the modern contractor has one crew to do the inside work: floor men lay, scrap and polish floors, stairbuilders put in the stairs, etc. In fact, the line of demarcation is distinctly drawn between the different subdivisions of the trade.

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it harder than ever to get work. Hair-dyeing, wigs and various methods to give youthful appearance, are indulged in when work is scarce. Young men are favored, and intensification of work is great. Buildings which formerly took years, are now finished in a few months, those formerly requiring months, are now done in weeks.

A contractor recently told me that carpenters do more to-day in 8 hours than was formerly done in 12 hours.

For 6 men to build a good substantial 5 room cottage, all wood finish inside without plaster, in 3 weeks is a regular thing. Buildings literally grow over night.

The carpenter is a useful member of society, a producer of economic wealth, and while working ruthless competition drives him to do all he is physically and mentally able. And for this, what does he receive? Looking over "The Carpenter" for April, we find at Sorel, Que., Canada, wages are \$1.50 per day; Madison, Wis., U. S., \$2.00 per day. The highest wage report gives Tampa, Fla., \$3.00; Orange, N. J., \$3.00. For the United States \$2.50 per day is a high average. Deducting Sundays and legal holidays we have about 300 working days. As a carpenter loses about one-fourth time on account of rain, snow, plastering and various other causes, we have 225 working days at \$2.50 per day, total \$562.50. Allowing \$12.50 for extra, oil, chalk, wear and tear of tools, and buying new ones, we have \$550 a year for a skilled mechanic, and as we must all eat, sleep and wear clothing 265 days we receive just \$1.51 a day the year round. According to many correspondents in "The Carpenter" where there has been increase in wages, it has been overbalanced by the increased prices of necessities of life. And this is what the late Mark Hanna called "the heyday of prosperity"!

We, the "home" builders, build palaces and live in shacks. ... is our condition thus? Is Unionism a myth? Can we not obtain peace and those good conditions for which we strive? Are these men we call scabs, scabs through pure malice? Let us reason together; let us girdle through the nines, clean part of any city. Who lives in these beautiful pretentious mansions (we build) with fine grounds, driveways, etc.? Why, the bakers, railroad contractors, railroad directors, etc. Then we walk into the poor part of town and who lives there? The carpenters, painters, laborers, etc. In fact, society to-day is divided into two distinct classes: the capitalist class, few in numbers, but

of class consciousness who constituted the shop committee, however, refused to accept my money, remarking that my time limit had expired and that they could accept "no more dues from me." Very well, thought I, and the few pieces of silver found their way back into my pocket.

On the evening of the same day, July 26, the union had a meeting, and, on the next day the shop committee approached me and declared very condescendingly that they were now ready to graciously accept my dues. I told these good people that "yesterday you did not want the money, to-day I have none; you will have to wait until I get some." On the 28th, I had private reasons for not being at work. But when I appeared on the scene in the morning of the 29th, the committee demanded that I give them an order on my wages to the amount of \$5.50, in favor of the union! Naturally, I refused to comply with such a peculiar demand. Thereupon, I was told that I could no longer work in that shop. I referred them to the boss and he approached me after and said that he was compelled to discharge me because I refused to pay my union obligations.

The constitution of our union reads as follows:

"Any member of any local who withholds payments of dues and assessments for more than thirteen consecutive weeks, is considered as suspended."

Fellow craftsmen, my card shows that the week ending July 30 places me only twelve weeks in arrears and yet, on the 29th of the same month the fakirs succeeded, with the aid of the boss, in putting me out of work. And why? Because as a class conscious workingman I have repeatedly protested against the swindle and the dealings which the fakirs are perpetrating in the name of organized labor. It was, furthermore, because I dared to protest through the columns of the Working Class, or that portion of it which still votes for the Democratic or Republican parties, think it must allow the capitalist three-fourth of what they produce before they can enjoy the one-fourth they receive as wages.

The laws of all countries to-day are based on private property. This enables individuals to accumulate a vast amount of private wealth, such as mines, mills, factories, etc. The vast majority of the people being unable to do likewise they are forced to sell their labor power to the owners of the mills, mines, factories, etc.

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BELLEVILLE WINS OUT

MAYOR'S ATTACK ON PARTY SUCCESSFULLY COMBATED.

Meeting Held Despite Threats and Lies

—Big Audience Throngs Square to Listen to S. L. P. Speakers Expound Socialism.

(Special Correspondence.)

Belleville, Ill., August 28.—Saturday night, August 27, we held the largest mass meeting ever known here, and will be long remembered by the city politicians and the workingmen. Last night between 400 to 500 people thronged the square with the express purpose of seeing the S. L. P. speakers getting arrested again as happened last Saturday. Section Belleville made it known that they would hold forth Saturday, and the advertisement of the capitalist dailies with their damnable lies about our speakers all week, made the people anxious to see what would be the result.

At 8 o'clock sharp, Comrade Andreas opened the meeting, outlining the different political parties and what class each represented. Comrade Goss followed and dwelt upon the class struggle and the merchandise character of the working class.

Comrade Philip Veal was then introduced, with cheers from the crowd. He started in and laid the capitalist system bare, and showed how the working class must organize on the economic and political field with the view of capturing the political and economic powers, thereby capturing the capitalist system and instituting in its place the Socialist Republic, wherein everyone will enjoy the full product of his labor.

The crowd listened attentively till the speakers were through. During the talk you could almost hear pin drop, except when a point was clinched the crowd would clap. It was also the best meeting held in the shape of getting subs and selling books. We got 6 Weekly People subs and sold 30 pamphlets.

The meeting gained prestige for the S. L. P. and proved the lying of the enemy must resort to in their papers, to dry and uphold this system of robbery. It will be a long while before the city officials will interfere with the buzz-saw, as they will have recognized that that would only bring the issue squarely before the working class, which means their ultimate downfall. We intend to continue holding meetings each week and to take in some of the surrounding towns from time to time. Onward, fellow workers. The victory is ours! It is only for us to organize on class lines and when once that is done, the capitalist class will not make a stand, as they are cowards, without your assistance.

Yours for the fight for freedom.

W. G.

WESTCHESTER TICKET.

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RICHARD W. Gaffney

Of Yonkers.

For State Senator, 22nd District:

OWEN CARRAHER

Of Yonkers.

For District Attorney:

JAMES H. KRUGER

Of White Plains.

For Superintendent of the Poor:

ANTHONY SCHWAGERMAN

Of Yonkers.

For Coroner:

CHARLES C. CROLLY

Of Pleasantville.

For County Registrar:

WILLIAM CAMPBELL

Of Tarrytown.

For County Clerk:

PETER JACOBSON

Of Yonkers.

For Member of Assembly 1st District:

WILLIAM SCHWAGERMAN

For Justice of the Peace of Yonkers:

DE LEON IN SCOTLAND

ADDRESSES BIG EDINBURGH AUDIENCE ON "THE CORRECT TACTICS OF A SOCIALIST PARTY."

A letter from Comrade Daniel De Leon, dated Falkirk, Scotland, August 23, contained the following report of the first of the series of meetings in Great Britain to be addressed by him. It is from the Edinburgh "News" of August 23:

THE SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY'S IDEAL.

Mr. Daniel De Leon's Views on Tactics.

In the Free Gardeners' Hall, Picardy Place, Edinburgh, last night an address was delivered by Mr. Daniel De Leon, S. L. P., the candidate for Governorship of New York State, and editor of the New York "Daily and Weekly People." The meeting was under the auspices of the Socialist Labor Party, and there was a crowded attendance, presided over by Mr. John Robertson. The chairman stated that the Socialist Labor Party was slowly adding to its stature and increasing the force of its striking arm. (Applause.) It was in evidence in every town of importance from Land's End to John o' Groats. Its growth was not palatable to the prophets who had foretold its early demise. The party had come to stay. (Applause.) In introducing Mr. De Leon, he stated that perhaps that gentleman had contributed more than any other single individual to the building up of the party. (Applause.)

What Was Socialism.

Socialism was the culminating aspiration of the human mind, and embraced, he should think, every single department of human knowledge. It required consequently a pile of learning beyond not only the average, but beyond what even one working man in a million could reach. But it did not follow that all that knowledge was necessary for the working man to take the political trowel and rear that structure. The single principle that the working man must know, that must become part and parcel of his existence, that must be so absolutely absorbed by him that he could not question it—that principle was that

To Abolish "Wage Slavery."

Consequently the trowel that the working man needed in order to rear that structure was to comprehend that nothing would suit them except the de-

mand for the abolition of the conditions that made a chattel of him. (Applause.) If he understood that, his ears would listen to but one word—the abolition of the wage system, of wage slavery. (Applause.) They must be the owners of the instruments of production, without which man was helpless before nature or the slave of the man who owned them. Unless the working man owned the tool without which production could not be carried on successfully, he was in the condition of the first man who had to fight nature with his empty hands. The questions of taxation and municipalization did not touch the question of how to remove the working man from the company of other articles of merchandise. The working man who did not understand that being merchandise his wages had to decline—and the American invasion would make them decline here faster pretty soon—was a toad in the hands of any fool or knave who came along. He who did understand these things ceased to be the tool of demagogues and schemers, and was indeed a prince in his generation. He would be able to pick his way. (Applause.)

The Capitalist's True Position.

The Labor leaders did not comprehend these facts, and believed more or less that the capitalists had rights. He who imagined that the capitalist had any right except the right of being abolished was an unqualified nuisance. (Applause.) He who, did not understand that, when he asked for higher wages, stood on a banana peel. He stood in the attitude of a beggar. The capitalist did not feed the working man; he fed the capitalist. (Applause.) The nation would die of famine and cold if labor ceased to work. When the working man was educated as he ought to be educated he would commit no folly, he would respect himself, and respecting himself he would elect representatives from his mates, for himself and one man like himself in the British Parliament or any other Parliament would shake the capitalist world from one end to the other. A genuine Socialist Labor Party ought to convert the intelligent minority, the head of the column. A genuine Socialist Party was narrow as science and intolerant, because it realized that you could not compromise with wrong. Its one purpose was the emancipation of the working class. (Applause.) At the close questions were invited, and it was at once apparent that the audience included a hostile section. At times several speakers endeavored to engage the attention of the meeting at once, and the result was considerable noise and confusion.

Comrade De Leon adds: "The S. D. F. and the I. L. P. tried to disturb the meeting when questions were asked for, but they were routed. One of them tried to create a disturbance at the start; he was thrown out."

Comrade De Leon will leave England for New York on the American liner Germanic, from Southampton on Saturday, September 3. This will make him due here on the 12th or 13th.

GREAT BRITAIN S. L. P.

TO THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST CONGRESS, AMSTERDAM, AUG. 14.

[The following report was distributed at the International Congress, although the British S. L. P. declined to join the Congress, seeing that the condition for their admission was the submitting to the pontifical benediction of the S. D. F. and I. L. P. freaks. This matter will be taken up again later.]

To the International Socialist Congress at Amsterdam, Greeting:

There is little wonder that the Continental Socialist should view with perplexity the developments in British politics of the present day. To the British

himself the situation is full of uncertainty. It is perfectly true that the last few years have seen the growth and steady increase of class sentiment among the workers, of dissatisfaction with their erstwhile leaders and guides in politics. The feeling that labor must stand alone and work out its own salvation is gaining in intensity day by day. Such a condition of affairs is undoubtedly of advantage to the Socialist Labor Party, and where we can reach the minds of the workers who are passing through this phase of thought, we are generally successful in changing their crude and untutored discontent into intelligent and educated revolutionary thought and action. But many are the traps and side-tracks that lie between the awoken British worker and Socialism. The worker is dazzled by a bewildering variety of professed friends. Among the "orthodox" political parties Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the former radical Republican, at present the real head and guide of the Conservative Party, professes great solicitude for the laboring classes, and calls upon them to improve their lot by supporting his tariff scheme. In the Liberal Camp, Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman calls on the toilers to reject the schemes of the Conserva-

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strong in economic wealth and political power.

This struggle is intensified by the fact that it is to the interest of the worker to get the largest wage possible for the shortest work day, while it is the capitalist's interest to pay the least wage for the longest work day.

If a carpenter produces \$4 of wealth a day, the capitalist pockets \$2 as profits and the carpenter receives but \$2 as wages, but if the carpenter and all other workmen decide to study the class struggle and vote themselves into political power, and change the laws so that they will get all they produce, then the capitalist would have to go to work.

But trades unions such as the American Federation of Labor, Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, etc., say the capitalist is entitled to his share when

he produces nothing; that the capitalist and workman are brothers, when they are enemies, and the capitalist gets his politicians to send the militia to shoot down workmen who dare to strike, a la Colorado stockades and bulpens.

These unions also claim that they raise wages. For illustration, take the late miners' strike in Pennsylvania. The money wage went up ten per cent, while the cost of living rose from 15 to 31 per cent, causing a decrease in actual wages.

In the latest issues of "The Carpenter" correspondents from all over the country state that the cost of living has increased. These correspondents also warn carpenters to avoid that particular city. Then after reading over the column "Where trade is dull" a carpenter wonders if it is not a mistake he was born, or he feels as if he should move out to sea, as there appears to be no place on land where he is wanted.

The wages of carpenters, the same as all other workmen, are governed by the

Representation Committee, supported and financed by the Trade Unions, and to which the Independent Labor Party is affiliated. If this were a bona fide Labor Party, however crude; if it even contained such a party in the germ, it would be the duty of all honest Socialists to give it the utmost support. Such, however, is not the case. The members, leaders, and parliamentry representatives are hopelessly at variance in their views, containing among their number Liberals, Conservatives, Single Taxers, tame Socialists and Individualists. Even on Labor politics they are divided. Some support child labor in factories, others oppose it. Some advocate an Eight Hours Bill, others do not. Some profess belief in a sort of watered down Socialism; others regard Socialism as anathema, etc., etc. The single point on which this party is united is the necessity to safeguard the funds of the trade unions. As Mr. John Burns, a Labor Member of Parliament, said: "We simply want the status quo ante Farwell"—that is, the conditions existing before Justice Farwell gave his decision against the unions. Let the officials' salaries be safe and all else, including Featherstone massacres, can be tolerated. Another of their leaders, who recently sold out to the radicals, said, "We want to get ourselves firmly planted in the House of Commons and I believe we are not particular about the way in which we do it." In other words, the Trade Union Leader looks upon his office as an institution existing in and bound up with capitalist society, and in true bourgeois fashion claim parliamentary representation, not to emancipate the workers, but to defend his own special interests. So innocuous is this movement to capitalism, that during the last week or two, while a candidate of this organization has been offering himself for the suffrages of the workers of Lanarkshire, the capitalist have actually, in certain cases, admitted him into their factories and built platforms from which he might address the workers and solicit their votes.

law of supply and demand. Labor power being a commodity like potatoes, apples, corn, etc., it follows that when workmen are plenty labor is cheap, and wages, which is the purchasing price of labor power, are low.

Since the tendency of production today, through improved machinery, etc., is to create an ever larger number of unemployed, it follows that that unionism which teaches workmen that they can permanently raise wages and improve their conditions under the present system, is not only a myth but a veritable snare of hopelessness.

Teaching workmen that wages and profits can be adjusted satisfactorily to both capitalist and worker; that unions are beneficial to both employer and employee; that the capitalist who produces nothing is entitled to a large share of the product of labor, filling the worker with false ideas, leads him to look to the capitalist for aid, and leads him to ask on suppliant knee for a little bit more of the product of his own labor. It

This party has sprung up like a mushroom in a night, and has excited the jealousy of a section of the radicals, who, both through their press and their orators, are playing off against it a small quasi-Socialist body called the Social Democratic Federation, an organization which strives to hide its pronounced revisionist tendencies behind a mask of high-sounding Marxian phraseology. Led and directed mainly by middle class men who have never divested themselves of bourgeois habits of thought, it is characterized by distrust of and contempt for the working class, a state of mind which naturally has given rise to opportunism and trimming. At one election its policy is to support Tories, at another to support Liberals, still later to oppose Imperialist capitalists and support anti-war capitalists. Its whole history is full of instances of intrigues with capitalist parties, and of the acceptance of capitalist bribes. It is, in short, the party of English Revisionism.

The Socialist Labor Party came into existence as a protest against the treachery and incompetence of the class-unconscious political and economic leaders of the working class, to take up the work previously neglected by the soi-disant "Socialist" parties, of fighting boldly, not only the old capitalist parties, but also the various pseudo-Labor movements which are sidetracking the workers in the interests of capitalism. We maintain that a Socialist Party which does not possess complete confidence in itself and in its power to lead the working class to emancipation, is a misnomer. We believe in the political and economic organization of the workers, but we also contend that this organization is useless unless it is based upon intelligent and class-conscious line, and takes the shape of an uncompromising revolutionary Socialist political party and of federated Socialist trade unions which will work in harmony with the political forces of labor. With these ends before us the Socialist Labor Party of Great Britain was founded about a year ago. It has met with success which has

makes him easy prey for the Democratic and Republican politicians who, with honeyed words and flowery oratory, tell him that this and that capitalist is a "friend of labor."

After striking, boycotting and voting for these "friends of labor" the worker, finding his condition steadily growing worse, gets discouraged. Some become tramps, criminals, suicides, etc., good union men become scabs; religious, racial and craft prejudices spring up, and the competition for a steady job becomes fiercer than ever.

The non-union man or scab, as the pure and simple journals call him, is a logical product of the present competitive system. A new machine is introduced in a furniture factory: 50 wood workers find their job and vocation gone; many are married, some have families. Necessity drives all to find employment at something else very soon. They look for jobs as finishers of the carpenter trade, union initiation is high, the union already has more men than can find

PLATFORM

Adopted at the Eleventh National Convention of the Socialist Labor Party, July 1904.

The Socialist Labor Party of America, in convention assembled, reasserts the inalienable right of man to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We hold that the purpose of government is to secure to every citizen the enjoyment of this right; but taught by experience we hold furthermore that such right is illusory to the majority of the people, to wit, the working class, under the present system of economic inequality that is essentially destructive of THEIR life, their liberty and THEIR happiness.

We hold that the true theory of politics is that the machinery of government must be controlled by the whole people; but again taught by experience we hold furthermore that the true theory of economics is that the means of production must likewise be owned, operated and controlled by the people in common. Man cannot exercise his right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness without the ownership of the land on and the tool with which to work. Deprived of these, his life, his liberty and his fate fall into the hands of the class that owns those essentials for work and production.

We hold that the existing contradiction between the theory of democratic government and the fact of a despotic economic system—the private ownership of the natural and social opportunities—divides the people into two classes: the Capitalist Class and the Working Class; and perverts government to the exclusive benefit of the Capitalist Class.

Thus labor is robbed of the wealth which it alone produces, is denied the means of self-employment, and, by compulsory idleness in wage slavery, is even deprived of the necessities of life.

Against such a system the Socialist Labor Party raises the banner of revolt, and demands the unconditional surrender of the Capitalist Class.

The time is fast coming when in the natural course of social evolution, this system, through the destructive action of its failures and crises, on the one hand, and the constructive tendencies of its trusts and other capitalist combinations, on the other hand, will have worked out its own downfall.

We, therefore, call upon the wage workers of America to organize under the banner of the Socialist Labor Party into a class conscious body, aware of its rights and determined to conquer them.

And we also call upon all other intelligent citizens to place themselves squarely upon the ground of Working Class interests, and join us in this mighty and noble work of human emancipation, so that we may put summary end to the existing barbarous class conflict by placing the land and all the means of production, transportation and distribution into the hands of the people as a collective body, and substituting the Co-operative Commonwealth for the present state of planless production industrial war and social disorder—a commonwealth in which every worker shall have the free exercise and full benefit of his faculties, multiplied by all the modern factors of civilization.

Workingmen, as the producers of a wealth, should demand the full social product of their toil. To want more is to be a thief. To demand less is to be a slave.

Unions are logical results of the present collective method of production. Working people find by combination and association they can accomplish better results than acting individually. The late Mark Hanna tried for years to break up the unions in his works in Pennsylvania and Ohio, but found that unions could not be smashed any more than the Democrats could smash the trusts, so he organized the Civic Federation to control the unions. Thus, instead of progressing towards freedom, the rank and file of the unions were led by the Civic Federation through the mediumship of their ignorant and corrupt leaders, into whirlpools of capitalist ideas and politics.

The essential principles of sound labor organization are accordingly these: A labor organization must be clear upon the fact that labor is the producer of all economic wealth, that land is a gift of nature, that machinery of production is the result of labor for countless ages past, that wages can never be regarded as an equivalent for labor.

A labor organization must be clear upon the fact that there is a class struggle going on in society between the numerically small capitalist class who do not get abundance, and the large working class who do it all and get a bare existence. That this class struggle can only be abolished by capturing the political power of the nation and making laws changing private ownership in the social means of production to collective ownership, and forcing every one to work in order to live. In order to do this workingmen must vote not for men but for principle, for the abolition of the system of wage slavery.

A labor organization must be clear upon the fact that politics are not like religion, a private concern, any more than the wages and hours of a workingman are his private concern. For the same reason that their wages and hours are the concern of their class, so are their politics. For the reason that through politics laws are made, and through law military despotism is forced on workingmen when they rebel against wage slavery, as in Colorado to-day, must the working class demand united political action.

Such a labor organization is already in existence, in the shape of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance. It exposes the fallacy of labor organizations like the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and American Federation of Labor, etc., and rivets the worker's mind, not on this hopeless wage system of slavery, but on a better system: the Socialist Republic, under which the worker will receive the full social value of his toil; under which there will be no capitalist, no class struggle and no scabs, ninety per cent. of crime and disease will disappear. All will be workers, useful members of society, having the shortest workday possible under the most scientific, healthy and pleasant conditions.

The politics this labor organization advocates is the working class programme of the Socialist Labor Party, whose clear educational propaganda teaches us we used no "friends" of labor as the Roosevelt, Hearst, Bryan or Debs type.

As long as we depend on our so-called "friends" we are lost. Labor is its own friend, and the sooner it realizes that and depends upon itself, the sooner will freedom crown our efforts.

Necessity may force a man to scab on the economic field, but nothing but ignorance can excuse the political scab.

Since the ballot is the most quiet, powerful and effective weapon, let he who would be free first strike the blow at the ballot box.

Carpenters and all other workmen! Study the attitude of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance on the economic field, and the Socialist Labor Party on the political field. Subscribe for the Daily and Weekly People. Educate our class and we will show the world that as we produce wealth we can own and enjoy it. We have nothing to lose but our chains of wage slavery and the world to gain.

When a boy I was taught to abhor Socialism. It was misrepresented to me in many ways. Not until I came in contact with the literature of the Socialist Labor Party did I get a clear and concise exposition of Socialism. After reading The People and some of the S. L. P. books, I said, "If this is Socialism I am a Socialist." How many carpenters will do likewise? H. J. Schade, Los Angeles, Cal.

Watch the label on your paper. That will tell you when your subscription expires. First number indicates the month, second, the day, third the year.

LOCOMOTIVE BUILDERS

ADDRESSED BY CARROLL IN THE CITY OF SCHENECTADY

[Special Correspondence.]

Schenectady, N. Y., Sept. 2.—Despite a circus in town the first night, a band concert a couple of hundred yards away the second night, and a Democratic banner raising the same distance away the third night, three well-attended Socialist Labor Party meetings were held in Schenectady, at one of which fourteen books were sold.

The local press had this to say about one of the meetings:

"The Socialist Labor Party held an open air meeting last evening at State and Barrett streets. W. H. Carroll of Boston, State organizer of the party, was the speaker, and he held the close attention of his audience for over two hours, claiming that no benefit could come to the wage workers through the Democratic, Republican, Prohibition or Social Democratic parties and that none but the Socialist Labor Party was pursuing the correct policy. Mr. Carroll was very much opposed to the Social Democratic party, claiming that its principal members had assisted in furnishing 'scabs' for the shoe manufacturers of Lynn, Haverhill and Brooklyn. A shot was thrown at James F. Carey, who is to represent the Social Democrats at the Labor Day debate at Brandywine Park. 'He will tell you, no doubt,' said the speaker, 'how the Democratic and Republican parties have sent the militia against the working class, but remember he is the same chap who voted a \$15,000 appropriation for better sanitary conditions for the armory in Haverhill, Mass.'

"Another meeting will be held this evening at Foster Avenue and Hattie Place."

The references to Carey, the comrades say, are making the Social Democrats howl. Our members here are enthusiastic and pushing the fight.

The General Electric Company is the largest "plantation" here, using 10,000 slaves and 275 acres of land, sixty of which are occupied by fifty large buildings and 100 smaller ones. Next comes the local plant of the American Locomotive Works—one of the eight which this trust controls—employing 4,500. But since last October this local plant has given 1,700 of them their "free-dom"—to hunt for another master. The plant comprises 135 buildings covering thirty acres. The capital stock of the company is \$50,000,000. There is no statement to how much of that amount the 1,700 "partners" and "brothers" drew out when they withdrew, but it is safe to say that many of them are counting the railroad ties to other towns, looking for a job, while the locomotives they helped to build are rushing their "Brother Capitalist" to the seashore in his palace car.

The development of the locomotive, its issue on the New York Elevated Railroad; the aristocratic notions of the pure and simple union engineer and fireman, and what they are up against to-day; the removal of the "L" engine to China; its operation by the Chinese; the use of the labor fakir in China, claiming to solve the industrial problem there by organizing along pure and simple lines as the American labor leader had done here; the possible introduction of the third rail into China, as in America, with the Socialist following and pointing out the development of machinery, and what the Chinese would have to learn from Socialist philosophy, as many of the workers were beginning to realize here in America—all these points were presented in such a manner at the above meetings as to cause laughter and expressions of "He's right!" "That's the way it's going!" "Those labor leaders are fakes!"

Such remarks speak volumes and give courage to push the work all the harder.

There is "lovely fighting all along the line," to use the language of General Phil Kearney.

Jump in, comrades, and down the fakir crowd!

W. H. Carroll.

CAPITALIST "INCENTIVE" UN-NECESSARY.

There is something in the very nature of man that stimulates a desire to excel, not necessarily to excel a neighbor or a competitor but to excel one's self, to do better things to-day and to-morrow than have been done in the past. It is to this quality in man that we owe all improvement, all progress in every direction. Some believe that without patent laws invention would cease, but with full liberty of thought and of expression [and economic independence—Ed. People] it would be as impossible to suppress the inventive mind as to prevent the physical growth and development of youth.—A. W. Cheever, in Denver Field and Farm.

The People is a good broom to brush the cobwebs from the minds of the workers. Buy a copy and pass it around.

F. J. Boyle.

Boston, Mass., August 28.

SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY AGITATION

BROOKLYN ITALIANS JOIN S. L. P.

The Brooklyn branch of the Italian Socialist Federation has joined the Socialist Labor Party in a body. This action was taken at a meeting held on Sunday, August 28. The Brooklyn branch is of the opinion that the policy of the Italian Socialist Federation is non-social and productive of fakirism only. They declare that all Italian Socialists should join the Socialist Labor Party, as it is the only sound Socialist Party in the field. The Brooklyn branch is holding rousing meetings, with Internati, Andero, Baldelli and Messina as speakers.

RAILROAD MEN INDORSE S. L. P.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—After looking into the question the employes in the railroad terminal yards in this city have decided for political action and endorsed the Socialist Labor Party, as the party best representing their interests, and standing squarely on the class struggle. Men on the piers are trying to arrange open-air meetings here and at Bayonne. The attitude of Debs, in supporting the Democratic capitalist machine, after his study of Socialism lost the counterfeit 'Socialist' party this movement. Literature has been supplied.

Statement by Berk and Myers, representing the repairmen and brakemen, twenty-seven of whom unanimously endorsed the above.

Strike at the ballot box for your emancipation from wage slavery!

A. J. Boland.

Jersey City, September 1.

ORGANIZATION AFFECTED IN BROWNSVILLE

To the Daily and Weekly People:—A new organization to be known as the "S. L. P. Educational Club," was formed at a meeting called by Mr. and Mrs. Touroff, and held at Mrs. Silberstein's house, 1734 Pitkin avenue, (Brownsville), on Saturday, August 27. Much interest and enthusiasm was manifested.

The object of the organization is to spread S. L. P. literature by means of a house-to-house canvass, mainly. The organization will also hold regular weekly discussions, in order to prepare sympathizers who wish to join the S. L. P. Out door meetings will also be held during the campaign.

The following were elected officers: Benj. Silberstein, recording secretary and organizer; Mrs. T. Silberstein, financial secretary; B. Touroff, treasurer, and Mrs. Touroff, literary agent.

The next meeting will be held at the same address next Saturday evening. All interested are invited to attend.

Benjamin Silberstein,
Recording Secretary.
Brooklyn, N. Y., August 29.

A RECORD BREAKER.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Last night the Socialist Labor Party held forth at Getty's Square, to an audience of about 400. Comrade J. Fishman acted as chairman, and in opening the meeting dwelt awhile on the reasons for the existence of the Socialist Labor Party, and the objects which it seeks to accomplish. He then introduced the veteran campaigner, Comrade Joseph H. Sweeney, who told of the objects of the Republican and Democratic parties, which were to keep the workers in submission to capitalism and the capitalist class. Sweeney also told the workers present how they could emancipate themselves through the ballot of the S. L. P.

The next speaker was Comrade Chas. Chase of Colorado, who spoke on the class struggle and the way out of it. Before starting to speak, Comrade Chase introduced the pamphlet "The Burning Question of Trades Unionism." He also spoke on the necessity for a working-class press, and put forth our party organ, the Weekly People.

The bogus Socialists, alias Kangs, also held a meeting a block away. There were very few present. Comrade Orme went there and gave out "The Difference," and also sold three "The Burning Question of Trades Unionism."

At our meeting twenty-seven "The Burning Question of Trades Unionism," one "What Means This Strike?" and two Weekly People were sold, while three six month subscriptions for the latter were secured. Altogether, it was a record breaking meeting.

Peter Jacobson.

Yonkers, N. Y., August 28.

BOSTON ACTIVITY.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—The activity of Section Boston members was rewarded at last Sunday's Boston Common meeting by the securing of ten subscribers to the Weekly People, the selling of twenty-five copies of the same, and also the sale of thirty-one pamphlets, twenty-three of which were sold by Mrs. Louis Balhaus, whose energetic efforts disposed of eighteen more the Sunday previous.

Imitators cheerfully welcomed.

F. J. Boyle.

Boston, Mass., August 28.

THE WORKING CLASS AWAKENING.

had grown to the state of maturity with well developed bodies and minds.

The questioner then stated he had just one more question to ask. When told to proceed he asked, "Can you tell me how many families in this town are supported by children?" Carroll replied, "I haven't any statistics at hand, but if things keep on as they have been going in the past, it won't be long before the whole bunch will be in that position."

The questioner then shook hands with Carroll and said, "You're all right, old man, I have learned something."

The audience was not large, but those present listened attentively to what the speakers said and many remarks were passed, indicating that they were heartily in sympathy with us. Leaflets were put into the hands of all present and some pamphlets were sold. Four sympathizers gave their names and addresses and agreed to subscribe for the Weekly People as soon as they became financially able to do so. It seems they have just been enjoying a two weeks' enforced vacation and like the average wage slave find themselves dead broke at the end of that period.

One noticeable feature of both meetings was that not one of the leaflets given out was found thrown away, although I went carefully over the ground after adjournment. Carroll leaves here for Schenectady on Monday.

J. E. Alexander.
Albany, N. Y., August 28.

NEW HAVEN ASTIR.

New Haven, August 29.—Section New Haven held a successful meeting on the corner of Church and George streets Saturday evening last, with Comrades Mercer, of Bridgeport, and Oatley, of this city, as speakers. Comrade Marek, as chairman, opened the meeting with a few well chosen remarks, which made a good impression. Comrade Oatley for half an hour shewed wherein the Republican, Democratic and Populist parties stood for one and the same thing: capitalism. He called particular attention to the purpose of the resurrection of the Populist party; showed that it was put in the field to divide the working class; to kill the arising class-consciousness and class-solidarity within them; to draw their attention and votes away from the only political party, the Socialist Labor Party, which was organized to bring about a permanent betterment of their conditions by the overthrow of capitalism and the inauguration of the Socialist Co-operative Commonwealth.

The crowd commenced to set the old man on the Prohibitionists by saying, "Good boy!" "Old man, you're right!" "Go for him!" etc.

Coffin gave out all the leaflets he had and only two leaflets could be found on the street when the whistle blew.

The crowd all wanted to know who the old man was, and cheered him as they went into the shop.

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Syracuse, N. Y., August 30.

CARROLL IN COHES.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—State Organizer William H. Carroll arrived in Albany on Friday. In the evening a meeting was held at South Pearl street and Hudson avenue. Comrades Vaughn, Carroll and the writer addressed a good sized audience for two hours along S. L. P. lines. About six hundred leaflets were distributed and some pamphlets were sold. On Saturday night, Carroll and the writer paid a visit to Cohoes. Selecting a suitable corner on Remsen street, I mounted our platform, i. e., soap box, and opened up the meeting, speaking for three-quarters of an hour, setting forth the principles and objects of the S. L. P. Carroll followed for an hour and a quarter, giving a clear cut logical argument, pointing out how the working class were exploited and enslaved, through a system that allowed a few people to own the land and machinery of production, and showing how the women and children of the working class were drawn into factories and the men forced into idleness.

While Carroll was dwelling on the evils of child labor, a man in the audience interrupted and asked what would become of a great many families if the children were not allowed to work and help along?

Carroll in reply pointed out that when the tools of production were crude and undeveloped, it was necessary for children in many cases to work in order to produce enough to live on. To-day we have ample machinery to produce enough for us all with comparatively little exertion, but owing to the fact that this machinery is the private property of a few individuals all the benefits thereof went to the owners, while the non-owners were compelled to compete with each other for a chance to sell their labor power. This competition had become so keen that the women had to leave the fireside and the children had to leave the schoolroom and playground in order to go to work and help support the family. The S. L. P. was seeking to inaugurate a sensible system of collective ownership of the machinery. Then the product of their labor would go to the working class. It would no longer be necessary for the children to work, until they had received a proper education and

had grown to the state of maturity with well developed bodies and minds.

All the leaflets on hand were given away and more eagerly sought for. Two six-month subscriptions were secured

WHAT'S A PLATFORM?

Milwaukee Social Democrats Violate

Theirs—Favor Corporation

Franchise

[Special Correspondence.]

Milwaukee, Wis., August 27.—Regarding the proposed franchise of the Milwaukee Southern Railroad and the action of the Social Democrats in the matter, the following are the facts.

The said franchise has been discussed for some time, having been before the council in one form or other for several months, but the activity of the Social Democratic Aldermen dates from August 8, on which date a Democratic Alderman had the franchise brought forward for the purpose of reviving the same.

The S. D. P. had a plank in their municipal platform this spring, which reads as follows:

"1. That no more franchises for public

utilities shall be SOLD, LEASED or

GIVEN AWAY. The city shall take

charge as soon as possible of all public

utilities now in private hands. The city

shall compel the public utility corpora-

tions to give good service. Especially

the street car company shall be made

to meet the public needs as to the num-

ber of cars running, seating capacity,

heating, ventilation, etc. The city shall

regulate the price of gas, and shall ap-

point a gas inspector to test the quality

of gas furnished. The city shall abolish

the contract system as far as possible

in all public work. Only organized labor

shall be employed by the city and that

at an eight-hour day. Whenever contract

work is unavoidable, the contractors

shall be compelled to employ only orga-

nized labor."

This is the first plank of the S. D. P.

municipal platform. Now see how their

Aldermen, who were elected on that plat-

form, act.

When the said franchise was called for by Alderman Smith, the Democrat, the Social Democrats wanted to be heard and they were. Alderman Frederic Heath, of the Tenth Ward, and editor of the "Social Democratic Herald," made the following amendment to the franchise:

"That the company compensate the city for the franchise and present yearly a list of stockholders and the amount of stock owned by each."

Alderman E. T. Melms, Eleventh Ward, and another Social Democrat, had the following amendment to make:

"That the franchise be restricted to

twenty-five years instead of being per-

petual."

These actions were the result of a long session of the City Central Committee of the Social Democratic Party, at which the members of the same could not agree with the Aldermen, as to what position the latter should take in the matter.

The moment that the Socialist Labor Party found out what the Social Democratic had done, and commenced to expose these "revangers," they had all sorts of excuses to offer why said actions were taken. When the Socialist Labor Party speakers, however, showed them their platform and asked what difference it made to the wage slaves whether the Milwaukee Southern R. R. skinned them or not, they said it was a mistake, and another meeting was called of the City Central Committee, at which it was said that the Aldermen had spoiled every chance of further "victory" and that they had placed a club in the hands of the Socialist Labor Party; but they could not agree upon a united stand, and another meeting was called, at which a sub committee was appointed to draw up a statement of how the Social Democratic Party stands in regard to the Milwaukee Southern R. R.

As there is a Kangaroo on this committee, Section Milwaukee is looking for a few more "mistakes," and when the vote on the franchise is taken we will see where they stand.

The first "victory" has already brought strife within the Social Democratic party and when the Socialist Labor Party gets through with them we will have a photograph taken.

F. R. Wilke.

and four pamphlets sold.

The Kangs had "Wee Jing James" Carey, of armory appropriation fame, here on Monday, August 21. He held forth on the Green to a small-sized audience. His talk was for the union vote, claiming that his party was the only one that stood by and upheld them as pure and simple. He was brought here to try to offset the effects of the drubbing given them by Comrade Jager in the debate between him and Fieldman. Before closing Carey informed the audience that he would not answer any questions, the time being short, he having to "catch a train." He feared questions, knowing there were members of the Socialist Labor Party present for the purpose of exposing him on his armory record.

Upon questions being called for, another Kang tried to make it appear the speaker stated that the wage workers should vote for the Democratic and Republican parties in preference to the "Socialist" party.

Comrade Mercer claimed he said there was no difference between voting for them and the other capitalist parties, and left

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The bourgeoisie has every reason to
fear the stupidity of the masses—so long
as they remain conservative, and their
intelligence—so soon as they become re-
volutionary.

—Karl Marx.

AN INQUIRY FROM WATERVLIET
ANSWERED.A workingman of Watervliet, N. Y.,
writes, under date of August 25, regard-
ing the leaflet "Which is Right?""I have distributed this leaflet at the
Arsenal, where I work. There is no
mistake, it is a fine leaflet. It has done
great work, caused much discussion, but
there is one thing in it the workingmen
here don't understand. It is this part:"If every able-bodied male adult work-
ed but four hours a day for 200 days in
the year he could produce an amount of
wealth equal to what it would to-day
take \$10,000 to purchase. But this is
impossible under a system of private
ownership of the means of production
and the resulting system of production
for sale and not for use.""I tried to explain the best way I
could, but it don't seem to satisfy them,
and they are asking so many questions,
that I will be pleased to have you an-
swer as plainly as possible in the Daily
and Weekly People."This is a gratifying inquiry. Aside
from the interest it reflects, it shows
that the workers are thinking, and that
they will not accept any statement
without investigation. This policy, con-
sistently applied, will work havoc to
Capitalism. As for Socialism, it wel-
comes it as a hopeful sign of the times!The writer of "Which is Right?" aimed,
in the paragraph from which the
above is taken, to make clear the evil
effects of private ownership on produc-
tion. Production is phenomenal, yet
private ownership hampers its possibili-
ties, as depicted in "Which Is Right?"
How? By making production planless
and wasteful. For instance, corpora-
tions compete with one another, without
a definite knowledge of the needs of the
market. They "approximately estimate"
the demand for goods. The result con-
tributes to bring on "overproduction",
which is followed by years of depression
and crises, in which production, either
partly or wholly, ceases, rendering idle
millions of strong, capable wealth pro-
ducers, and thousands of capacious mills
and factories. Were production planful,
regular and systematic as is possible only
under Socialism, crises would disappear,
and the working class, instead of work-
ing at top speed 8, 10, or 12 hours a
day, could reduce hours and raise wealth
production proportionately, from the im-
mense waste of time and resources saved
by the abolition of crises.No compromise with bourgeois gov-
ernment! On with uncompromising
class conscious Socialism!

CORREGAN'S SUIT.

Comrade Charles Corregan's suit
against the Typographical Union of
Syracuse, N. Y., will come up for re-
trial before the next special term of the
Supreme Court in November. The
printers did not appeal to the Court of
Appeals, knowing that a unanimous de-
cision of the appellate division would
be confirmed in the higher courts.
Through their attorney, however, they
offered to reinstate Corregan in the
union and pay him \$200 for his costs
in the case. This offer was refused.
Their own costs must be considerably
over that of Corregan's. It has proven,
even so far, a pretty expensive proceed-
ing to try to collect an illegal fine of
\$50. And they are not through paying
yet, by long odds.Watch the label on your paper. That
will tell you when your subscription
expires. First number indicates the month,
second, the day, third the year.

A little analysis of these figures will

THE LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS
MEETING.The meeting of the locomotive en-
gineers, held in the Grand Central
Palace on August 28, and called to aid
the "L" motormen in their fight to
maintain conditions and wages, was a
notable one. Less than a decade ago
the locomotive engineers had no com-
plaint to make regarding the introduc-
tion of labor-displacing and wage-reduc-
ing machinery. The trend of mechan-
ical development was clearly in their
favor. Railroads were building at a
rapid rate. Locomotives were increasing
in speed and size, requiring more ability
and nerve, and promising more wages
and better chances of promotion. Con-
servatism was the watchword, and every
effort to break down the hide-bound
shell of selfish craft interests failed. But
a transformation has come over the
locomotive engineers' dream. Con-
fidence has given way to consternation,
and a radical change of sentiment and
action is visible on the horizon. Elec-
tricity is the wonder worker. A new
motive power, utilized by means of a
simplified mechanism, requiring little
skill and experience in its handling,
threatens to supplant steam and the
locomotive engineers on the great rail-
roads. The future status of the locomotive
engineers becomes a serious problem,
and talk of vigorous organization to
combat loss of employment and reduced
wages fills the air.This transformation is a notable con-
cession to Socialism. It verifies anew
the Socialist claim that material condi-
tions mold men's thoughts and actions.
Like many other "aristocrats of labor"
who preceded them, the Knights of the
Throttle refused to believe that the
modern tendency to create unemploy-
ment and reduced wages, by the intro-
duction of labor-displacing and simpli-
fying machinery, could or would prove
operative in their own occupation. Like
their predecessors they delighted in
thinking themselves exempt from the
mechanical and economic evolution of
society. But the inexorable workings of
capitalism have reached them at last,
shaking the very foundations of their
security, and transforming their beauti-
ful dream into a hideous nightmare,
which calls aloud for removal.The Grand Central Palace meeting of
the locomotive engineers was a notable
meeting indeed. It is almost an epoch
maker, fundamentally affecting one of
the fundamental occupations in American
society—an occupation, the followers of
which constitute a pillar of Capitalism
and an obstacle to Socialism.

THE PATERSON OBJECT LESSON.

The employees of the Paterson lumber
company who, free, gratis and for
nothing, erected a two-story building
in ten hours to replace one belonging to
the firm that had been destroyed by
fire, gave an object lesson of great value
to the world. They showed once more
the dependency of Capital on Labor.
They demonstrated beyond doubt that
Labor alone is essential to wealth pro-
duction. With their own ability, strength
and agility, they took the uprights,
beams, boards and shingles, fashioned in
the mills by labor, from the trees of the
forest felled by labor, and erected a
building where disaster had wrought
destruction and the capitalist was laid
prostrate, unable to arise without
Labor's aid. These Paterson lumber
employees gave point to the Socialist argu-
ment that Capital may migrate to the
moon, but without Labor wealth and
progress is impossible. Labor is the
creator of wealth and the foundation of
capitalist society.May the Paterson lumber employees
learn the lesson they themselves have
taught, for they have not heard the
last of that building. Having put it
up in record time, it is likely that,
hereafter, they will be required to sus-
tain the record, or even exceed it. Woe
to the men, who, too old and feeble,
cannot keep the pace! They will have
to go to the rear. Then will the lesson
learned become useful. Then will it be
seen that Labor must cease maintaining
a parasitic capitalist class and become
its own master, securing happiness and
peace by substituting Socialism for
Capitalism.

GRIMES AND CO-OPERATION.

Pat Grimes, President of the Plaster-
ers' Society, believes in co-operation
as a means of ending the labor problem.
Co-operation is a good idea, and Pat
must be congratulated for getting a hold
of it. Pat wants his idea put into execu-
tion. He says it can be done by
saving "booze" money, and entering into
competition with the employers, with
the money thus saved. Let us see what
this means.The census of 1900 shows that in that
year there were in existence 8,333 estab-
lishments producing "masonry, brick and
stone work," which includes 1,902 estab-
lishments producing "plastering and
stucco work." These 8,333 establishments
were capitalized at \$48,070,239. They em-
ployed 93,568 wage earners, whose total
wages amounted to \$53,152,258.

A little analysis of these figures will

show that, if Grimes' plasterers are go-
ing to follow his advice they will not
only have to save their "booze" money,
but eight-ninths of their wages, if they
would equal the capital of their employ-
ers, compete successfully, and end the
labor problem, as Grimes desires. In
the meanwhile who would feed and cloth
and house them? Who will take care of
their wives and families?It stands to reason that Grimes' idea
is good, but its execution is bad. Cap-
ital is not a product of labor's savings,
but of labor's exploitation. The capital-
ist class accumulates the surplus values
stolen from labor, concentrates them and
defies competition therewith. The same
census quoted above shows that while the
93,568 wage earners received \$53,
152,258 in wages, they created products
valued at \$203,593,634, that is, the few
capitalists owning those 8,333 establish-
ments took three-quarters of the product,
giving only one-quarter to labor in return!
That is where capital comes from! And coming from such a source
the capitalist class accumulates millions,
while the working class accumulates pennies. Talk of competing with them
under such conditions, is utopianism gone
mad!The execution of Grimes' idea is only
possible through the integral co-opera-
tion of Socialism. This includes the
entire working class, and begins by re-
storing the capital stolen from that
class to it. With the capital that it
has created, in working class possession,
capitalism is eliminated, the labor prob-
lem is settled, and co-operation be-
comes a fact, not a Utopia!

TAMMANY AND THE SCHOOLS.

The workingman who was led to re-
gard Tammany Hall as the provider of
school room will stand disillusioned when
school begins. He will then witness his
children put in half time classes or else
completely debarred, for lack of sittings.
He will be given the usual stereotyped
excuses, such as lack of appropriations,
slow condemnation proceedings, delays
in erection of buildings due to strikes,
unparalleled increase of population, etc.,
and he will go home and think it isn't
Tammany's fault that the impossible can
not be done. Of course, this work-
ingman is deceiving himself, despite his
adverse experience. All these causes
are due to capitalism. Capitalism will
not eradicate them because they are
profitable to the capitalist class. It
pays the members of this class to dodge
taxes for school funds, haggle over price
of property for school purposes, com-
bat demands for increased wages and
hours on contracts for school buildings,
and welcome the increase of population
which gives them a bigger, and, there-
fore, cheaper supply of labor. Tammany
Hall upholds capitalism. It stands for
all the causes that militate against
working class education. It favors the
capitalist class at the expense of the
working class. Tammany Hall will not
support Socialism, a system in which
capitalism and the capitalist class will
be eradicated, thus making the provi-
sion of all the essentials of education
easy of attainment. Tammany Hall will
not get off of the backs of the
working class and aid in compelling
other parasites to do the same. Tam-
many Hall is in the field to keep the
blinders on the working class. It does
not charity and gets a worker a job occa-
sionally, while always perpetuating the
system and the class which robs labor
in the shop and deprives it of education
in the school. It is time the working-
man threw Tammany Hall overboard!A Paris despatch dated August 30,
contains this pithy biography: "Charles
Sargent, the inventor of the chain
principle in cycles, died to-day at the
age of 83. The inventor, despite the
fortune which has been made by manu-
facturers as the result of his invention,
cannot keep the pace! They will have
to go to the rear. Then will the lesson
learned become useful. Then will it be
seen that Labor must cease maintaining
a parasitic capitalist class and become
its own master, securing happiness and
peace by substituting Socialism for
Capitalism.The capitalist parties are shouting
about "the great issues involved in this
campaign". They are doing their utmost
to overcome the working class opinion
that, in so far as the workingmen are
concerned, this campaign is a capitalist
game of "Heads I win; tails you lose."The Editor of the "American Agricul-
turalist", after a three months' tour
of the country, expresses views that
will not help the capitalist parties any.
Says he in the issue of August 27:"The presidential issue is affecting
business less than usual. This is natural,
because sensible people who are not
biased by partisanship, realize that the
election of Parker could inaugurate no
radical change in national policies, be-
cause the senate would be Republican for
six years more. Of course, Roosevelt's
election would involve no change at all."The excitable workingmen who are
inclined to get worked up over "the
tariff that breeds the criminal trust",
and "the election of a Democrat would
prove a national menace", would do
well to recall these words, calm down
and think the matter over. The only
effective vote this year is a big Socialist
vote cast straight against capitalism.Such a vote would cause the capitalist
class to tremble in its boots. The mem-
bers of that class would recognize that
their bunco game is being played out.

SOCIALISM AND THE SPY SYSTEM.

The People is in receipt of the follow-
ing letter sent to a Western firm, and
forwarded by one of its employees, into
whose hands it happened to fall:P. Schildgen, Pres.
H. E. Alkus, Secy.
C. C. Covill, Supt.
F. D. W. Michler, Asst. Supt.
J. W. Wecard, Treas. & Gen'l Manager
AMERICAN DETECTIVE AGENCY.Founded 1889—Incorporated 1900
Expert Secret Service. Uniformed Men
Furnished.Eastern Office—14 Central avenue, Jersey
City, N. J. Western Office—260 S. Clark
street, Imperial Building, Chicago.
Branch Offices in all the large cities of
U. S. and Canada.BROTHER JONATHAN—I have been
reading up on the class struggle

UNCLE SAM—That's good.

B. J.—But I find it is too narrow.

U. S.—How would you broaden it?

B. J.—The strict class struggle draws
the line between wage earners and cap-
italists.

U. S.—Correct.

B. J.—I don't think that's right or
sound. The line should be drawn be-
tween the toilers and the non-toilers.

U. S.—For instance.

B. J.—The clerk of a groceryman is a
toiler, but the groceryman himself toils
also. Under the strict principle of the
class struggle, the line is drawn between
the two, placing the clerk on one side
with other workers, and the toiling gro-
ceryman on the other, and together with
the Depew, Vanderbilts, Goulds, Count
Castellane, etc. Now that is all wrong—

U. S.—How would you fix it?

B. J.—I would place the toiling gro-
ceryman on the same side of the line
with all other toilers, whether wage earn-
ers or not, and on the other side the
idlers and spongers.U. S.—If you did so you would pretty
soon get all mixed up: just as mixed as
if you placed the strawberry and the
daisy in the same botanical family. The
two grow close to the ground, etc., yet
they belong to two wholly distinct fami-
lies. Again, the strawberry grows on a
lowly bush, the apple on a stately tree;upon your principle of classifying the
toiling groceryman separately from the
Vanderbilts, you would put the straw-
berry and the apple in different families;fact is, that they are of one and the
same family.

B. J.—You don't say so!

U. S.—Yes. The mouse is a little ani-
mal, the elephant a big one; you would
classify them separately; yet the fact is
that the elephant and the mouse are one

family.

U. S.—You got it now.

STATE TICKETS



CONNECTICUT

For Governor:

TIMOTHY SULLIVAN,

of New Haven.

ILLINOIS

For Governor:

PHILIP VEAL,

of Collinsville.

INDIANA

For Governor:

E. J. DILLON,

of Marion.

KENTUCKY

CORRESPONDENCE

[CORRESPONDENTS WHO PREFER TO APPEAR IN PRINT UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME WILL ATTACH SUCH NAME TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS, BEING THEIR OWN SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS. THEIR NAMES WILL BE RECOGNIZED.]

WHY SO HOT, AND THEN SO COLD?

[Note—The People is in receipt of six letters from the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Labor Party of Canada, with a request that they be published full. Four of these letters are from Ernest Nye of Fernie, British Columbia, to the Canadian National Executive Committee, and one from the same individual to Section Vancouver, B. C., with Section Vancouver's answer thereto. To publish all these letters would require too much of the much-needed space of The People, and it is not essential that this should be done, as the point of the whole correspondence lies mainly in the last two letters. The first of the other four letters contain E. Nye's application for membership in the Canadian S. L. P.; a statement of his connection with the Canadian "Socialist" party, and his reason for leaving the same, which was "that the S. P. of B. C. has no excuse for its existence when there is such a clear cut party as the S. L. P. already in the field." The other three letters contain an acknowledgement of the receipt of Section Vancouver's address, protestations of the writer's fealty to the principles of the S. L. P., his irrepressible desire to travel in order to propagate the same, his request for credentials and literature, and the favorable impressions made upon him by the organizer of Section Vancouver. His sudden change of attitude—his blowing cold, after blowing so hot—and Section Vancouver's answer thereto, follow below.—Ed. The People:]

I.

Vancouver, June 11, 1904.

Mr. Griffiths,

61 Powell Street.

Dear Comrade:—I am in receipt of another letter from the N. E. C. of the S. L. P. of Canada, advising me to join Section Vancouver. But I am sorry to say that I have changed my mind to a certain extent and I cannot conscientiously identify myself with the S. L. P. on account of its trades union policy. At first glance the premises of the S. L. P. did not seem contradictory as they do now since I have looked into the matter more closely.

As a political organization I have nothing against the S. L. P. As far as Comrade De Leon is concerned, I am only sorry that I cannot side in with such an intellectual giant; I have the highest respect for him; indeed I must say that I have learned much from him; but he has failed to convince me on the S. T. & L. A. proposition.

The chief reason I must sever my connections with the S. L. P. is that I cannot refrain from agitating and since the S. P. of B. C. has no trades union policy which I would be called upon to defend I must again cast my lot with that party.

You may accuse me of being fickle and a demagogue, but all I can say in my defense is that I am following the dictates of my conscience. Hoping that we will all stand on a common ground, I remain your comrade in the struggle.

Ernest Nye,

202 Keefer Street,

Room 2, City.

It's because I consider the cause worth it, and not that I consider myself of any importance, that I inform you of my change of mind.

E. N.

II.

Vancouver, B. C., July 22, 1904.

61 Powell Street.

E. Nye,

202 Keefer Street,

Room 2, City.

Dear Sir:—Your letter of June 15th received, and same brought before Section Vancouver, Socialist Labor Party of Canada, who have instructed me to reply to same.

At the outset you state that you have changed your mind relative to joining Section Vancouver, Socialist Labor Party on account of its trade union policy, and you inform us further on, that you have allied yourself with that conglomeration known to history as the British Columbia Socialist party, on account of it "having no trades union policy for you to defend." Probably not being able or willing to defend trade union "policies" yourself, you can show us wherein the trade union policy of the Socialist Labor Party is at fault, for we are ever ready to rectify any mistake that we may make, but in your letter you fail to marshal any facts against our policy, which Socialists and scientists require.

Again you say that the chief reason you have for severing your connection with the S. L. P. of Canada (to which you never belonged), is on account of your inability to refrain from "agitating for Socialism," so you therefore throw in your lot with the B. C. S. P.

which, to say the least, shows your lack of logic, and also of the first principles of organization, which is the kernel of Socialist philosophy.

As to the S. P. of B. C. they never are taken seriously by any sensible man, composed as they are of grafters and fakirs with a goodly sprinkling of mental misfits, otherwise known as freaks; those men who laid any claim to reasoning power at all, have long since left the organization in disgust. No doubt you think the above adjectives impolite or abusive, but they can all be made good at any of our street meetings you may attend.

That they have traitorously gone back on the principles for which they claim to stand, is amply demonstrated by their actions at the last election, when they fused with the Independent Labor Party in direct violation to Section 14 of their own constitution, to say nothing of the actions of their representatives in the House at Victoria, supporting the conservative party in every measure, and again the Socialist party of British Columbia is purely and simply a local affair, and it is up to you or them, to show how the workers can emancipate themselves locally. Why it is directly in conflict with Marxian Socialism, and enough to make their long eared brethren laugh down the back of their neck to see such logic.

Now, in conclusion, should you require more facts against the S. P. of B. C. attend our meetings and you shall be accommodated.

Respectfully,
William Griffiths, Organizer.

Section, Vancouver,

S. L. P. of C.

"NAPOLEONIC STRATEGY."

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Looking over the correspondence column of the Weekly People of August 27, 1904 (I believe I am again stoning the beginning of my letter), I see where I am called a "Bogus Socialist" and am accused of stealing an article from the Weekly People, and having same inserted in the Baltimore "Sun" August 13, 1904. As far as being called a "Bogus Socialist" is concerned, that don't worry me at all; I am used to being called worse names than that: "Anarchist," "Redshirt," and so on; but when you accuse me of stealing, that is something else.

The article in question could not be stolen by me, because I paid my subscription for the Weekly People, and all the good information I got from same paper it was my duty to spread broadcast. The Baltimore "Sun" has over 75,000 subscribers and it goes much farther than a soap-box. You fellows with wrong tactics should not get jealous. This is Napoleon strategy used for the spread of Socialism.

I have, am, and will continue doing my duty; that is something what every Socialist should do. Consider the number and the political affiliations of the readers of the Baltimore "Sun." If you trades union smashers would do likewise and would study the science of Socialism. Instead of fighting the capitalists and spread the science of Socialism you are fighting Socialists.

Of course, you are correct in some things, but entirely wrong in your damnable, infamous tactics. You prevent the masses of workingmen from giving any attention to the only correct solution of the labor problem. Mistakes that you charge the Socialist party with can be put against you also. We have not yet reached a point where we or you can proclaim to the world, "We are infallible," but we are doing the best we can under the circumstances. We are not lazy.

What is your organizer, R. W. Stevens, of Section Baltimore, doing, or what has he ever done? Three or four of your members will meet once in a while on Sunday, unload a few schooners, smoke a few scab-cigars, fight Socialism and distribute literature that disgusts and turns away workingmen, not only from the "Abortion Bogus Socialist Party," as you miscall us, but also from the Socialism of the Fighters-Trades-Union-Smashers' Socialist Labor Party; in short, you prevent people from studying the science of Socialism.

I also must state that circumstantial evidence and the finger of suspicion points to you and your kind that you are in the pay of the capitalists. Why the capitalists could not get anybody better than you and your kind to fight and try to stop the spread of Socialism. You forget that it takes years of labor and study to become a good radical, revolutionary Socialist, and instead of making this question more interesting and

THE SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY'S OPPORTUNITY

A CALL TO ARMS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY, BY THE MEMBERS OF SECTION NEW YORK

On Sunday, August 28, a mass membership meeting of the S. L. P. of New York City and vicinity was called by the N. E. C. to consider ways and means to sustain the Party press, put in shape the Press Security League as per action of the National Convention, and, in other ways, arouse the membership to determined action such as will enable the Party to fructify the rather extraordinary situation at hand, during this national campaign.

The meeting, enthusiastic and fully alive to the situation, elected a committee to draw up an address to the membership of the Party, embodying its views and feelings, and calling upon Party members, friends and sympathizers to co-operate in giving practical who is elected, all will be for it.

Ours is the only party that is putting up a spirited campaign. From all parts of the country come reports that our propaganda is arousing police opposition, leading to interference with our meetings, and often arrest of our speakers, as in Poughkeepsie, Troy, Boston, Detroit, Philadelphia, Belleville, and in the larger cities of New Jersey. And again with these come reports showing a greater and more intense interest on the part of the working class in our propaganda.

Confronted with the dire effects of the crisis, with the cost of living soaring upward and wages downward, betrayed by the Civic Federation and the labor fakir, or defeated by the Parrys, in every big conflict, finding the pure and simple union a hollow reed to lean upon, the workers are beginning to turn to the S. L. P. Vituperation, slander, silence—all these no longer avail to keep the message of the S. L. P. from the working class. They listen with avidity and approval. All this creates for us an unparalleled opportunity. It is the psychological moment for the S. L. P. of which we must avail ourselves. We must plough the furrows deep and sow the seed broadcast. We must mobilize our entire forces and get them into action. We must extend the circulation of our press, circulate our leaflet and pamphlet literature, collect the sinews of war, hold meetings and, in every place, and at all times, push the Party work! The capitalist class is di-

lently firing the furnace of the class struggle and is getting up steam. Are we to be less diligent in giving direction to the force generated by them? We must agitate, educate and organize. We must do it now, or never!

In order to give practical direction to our efforts the following plans were referred by the above meeting to this committee for drafting:

1. That a strong effort be made to assist the work of the S. L. P. Press Security League all over the country and that members, friends and sympathizers, who are ready to co-operate in this work, be urged to communicate with the Secretary of the League, Comrade A. C. Kuhn, 2-6 New Reade Street, New York.

2. That a planful and concerted effort be made to increase the circulation of the Weekly People, the means for the work to be provided as follows: By means of weekly ten cent collections, a local fund should be created, from which three months' trial subscriptions can be paid, the paper to be sent to carefully selected addresses and these to be closely canvassed for renewals, within the three months the paper is being sent.

3. That, wherever disaffection exists amongst members of pure and simple trades unions, in consequence of sell-outs by the fakirs, lost strikes, or other causes, no stone be left unturned to make these men acquainted with the S. L. P. position on trades unions and with the S. T. and L. A., by distribution of suitable literature, meetings, personal contact and in every other way that can be devised.

4. The systematic distribution of leaflets at factory gates, morning, noon and night, and in workingmen's districts on Sunday mornings. This plan is working well in New York State.

5. The collection of campaign funds on the WEEKLY installment plan. This plan has met with great success in Rochester and Buffalo.

Comrades, friends and sympathizers, fall to with a vim! This is the opportunity of the Socialist Labor Party; and all these plans can, with care and sub-division of labor, be made effective if we so will it. To arms, comrades! On with the war against Capitalism! This is our opportunity!

The Committee.

trying to get the masses to study the science of Socialism, you breed disgust. Shame on you!

Wee unto you scribes and pharisees (hypocrites), for ye shut up (as with keys) the Kingdom of Heaven (on earth) against men, for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Be not as the horse or as the mule which has no understanding. Chas. A. Cesky.

Baltimore, Md., August 30.

[Note—This letter is published, not because of its sympathetic diction and consistent reasoning, but because of its admirable photography of the bogus Socialists alias Social Democrats. Accused of having plagiarized, S. L. P. literature, the signer of the above letter, with becoming modesty, brazenly admits the charge, but justifies the theft on the ground that his action will cause that same literature to be more extensively read, to the great advantage of Socialism. Having thus paid a very high tribute to the sterling qualities of S. L. P. literature, in effectively disseminating Socialism and combatting capitalism, the signer of the above letter, in the next breath, vilifies the Socialist Labor Party and says it is a capitalist party, in the pay of capitalism. In other words, the writer of the letter, the signer of the above letter, is a capitalist, in the pay of capitalism. Having thus paid a very high tribute to the sterling qualities of S. L. 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Notice—For technical reasons no party announcements can go in that are not in this office by Tuesday, 10 p. m.

THE TOUR OF CHARLES H. CORREGAN.

Our candidate for President, Comrade Charles H. Corregan, will begin his tour of the campaign on September 10, starting in the State of Connecticut and from there go through Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and so forth, until the close of the campaign. The method pursued will be as follows: Each S. E. C. will be notified in due time and the number of days allotted to each will be given, the S. E. C. to dispose of the days so allotted as required by conditions in their respective states, the schedule thus made up to be published as fast as received.

Under the system adopted for this campaign, namely, the division of funds collected on the national campaign subscription lists into three equal parts between the Sections, the State Committees and the N. E. C. both of the former bodies are expected to contribute, paying such sums to the speaker as they can afford, take his receipt, and report to the undersigned. These contributions, if accompanied by receipts, will be entered on the National Campaign Fund and published.

Campaign lithographs of the national candidates are now ready and for sale by the New York Labor News Co. These can be used effectively in connection with the meetings for they will attract much attention.

At all meetings, lay particular stress upon the distribution of leaflets, the sale of copies of the Weekly People and the securing of subscriptions for same, as well as the sale of our pamphlet literature. Do not consider your meeting to have been successful unless you have done well along these lines. And to do well, bear in mind that you must organize your work in order to make it tell. No haphazard methods, no waiting until the last moment to make arrangements. Pick your men beforehand, assign to each his task in keeping with his special aptitude and then let each one do the best that is in him.

For the National Executive Committee, S. L. P. Henry Kuhn, National Secy.

CORREGAN IN CONNECTICUT.

The candidate for President of the Socialist Labor Party, Charles H. Corregan, will speak at the following places at stated dates. Sections should try to arrange meetings appropriate to the occasion.

Saturday, Sept. 10, Bridgeport; Sunday, Sept. 11, Hartford; Monday, Sept. 12, Rockville; Tuesday, Sept. 13, New Britain; Wednesday, Sept. 14, New Haven.

Connecticut S. E. C.

CANADIAN N. E. C.

Regular meeting of Canadian N. E. C. London, August 21. Comrade Bryce in chair. Weber absent without excuse. Minutes of last meeting adopted as read. Communications: From The People, enclosing a letter from J. H. Tripp, of Winnipeg, asking for addresses in Winnipeg. The secretary was instructed to forward names of members of late Winnipeg Section. From Martin, enclosing \$2 for due stamps; another, asking for information regarding delegates to convention. First was received and complied with, and secretary was instructed to reply to second, giving information necessary. One from Henry Kuhn, National Secretary of U. S. S. L. P., enclosing 32 special assessment stamps; also asking whether some plan could not be laid out to systematize the work of extending circulation of the Daily and Weekly People in Canada. Same was received and laid on table, as matter of The People would come before the convention.

The secretary for expenses on account of convention, was instructed to draw on Treasurer for \$0.

The report of N. E. C. to convention was taken up and secretary was instructed to procure copies of same for convention. Adjourned.

H. D. Forbes, Recording Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA S. E. C.

A regular meeting was held on August 25; Duran in the chair; state secretary absent. Minutes of previous meeting approved as corrected. Correction was: At meeting of August 11, a communication was read by state secretary received from E. Seidel, charging Katz with bosses in the matter of holding Jager in Philadelphia to speak here first. Katz maintained that at a previous meeting it was the sense of the committee to have Jager begin his tour by speaking first in Philadelphia. Seidel maintained that the sense of the committee was to send Jager through the state immediately upon his arrival as he was more needed there than here. Both comrades

maintaining that their understanding of the committee's position was correct, Seidel suggested that the other members of the committee state how they had thought on the matter, and they affirmed that their understanding was the same as comrade Katz's. Seidel thereupon withdrew his remarks and charges.

Communications: From Kipke, about swearing to nomination papers; from National Secretary, as to time of Jager's arrival in Philadelphia; from Scranton, asking postponement of the meeting for state organizer for one week, pledging \$12 for campaign fund, and stating that organizer could be used for one week in Scranton and vicinity. Permission was given to hold Jager for a week, but postponement could not be granted. From Braddock, \$8 to fund collected on list, and stating that at next remittance one-third would be withheld. From M. Jager, held meeting in Reading, sold 12 Weekly People, and 9 pamphlets. From J. Bach, asking for leaflets and giving information about collecting few signatures. From North Wales, about meeting not held per schedule in Quakertown. This happened because organizer changed route when reaching Reading, on account of expense. From Erie, reporting local conditions and work on nomination papers. From New York, that a comrade G. Koenig, was staying at Greely, Pa., and if communicated with might do work on nomination papers. Assistant secretary reports that communication had been sent to G. Koenig, but no answer received. From national secretary, about H. A. Santee, being in Easton, Bethlehem and Allentown on Sept. 15, and, if agreeable, would help party in work there. Agreed to, and secretary notified to inform Santee that we would ask him to speak in Allentown and Easton, and work on nomination papers. From N. Y. Labor News Co. bill for 1,000 leaflets, voted paid. From H. Jager, had spoken in Allentown and Quakertown, reported receiving \$1 from Hinkel of Reading, also suggests cutting out some places on trip to western part of state, because of extra expense. Assistant secretary reports having told Jager that Pottsville and Harrisburg might be left out, but under no circumstances to skip any others. Action endorsed. From Paton, greatly encouraged by visit paid by Allegheny county comrade; would re-organize, and also Houtzdale. Also requests nomination papers; papers ordered sent. From N. E. C. circulars containing amendments to party constitution. Ordered distributed.

Bills for postage and for Weekly People were ordered paid.

Secretary presented tabulated statement on number of signatures collected to date; ordered printed on mimeograph and distributed.

As Jager reported that comrades in Reading and Shelby would distribute leaflets if provided with same by state committee, it was decided to notify Reading to choose 3,000 and Shelby to choose 1,000 and have charged to state committee. The secretary was instructed to notify Jager to give reports of what is being done on nomination papers in places where he visits. Receipts \$9. Expenses \$16.22.

E. Seidel Rec. Sec.

NEW JERSEY STATE COMMITTEE.

Meeting held Sunday, August 28, at 143 Beacon avenue, Jersey City. Julius Eek chairman, Thummel absent without excuse.

The vote on Financial Secretary was canvassed, result shown unanimous vote for George P. Herrschaft, the only candidate, and he was seated. His address is 93 Prospect street, Jersey City.

A lot of correspondence was read and acted upon. Committee and organizers' reports show good activity in agitation work, but not enough done to push the Party press. Comrades should not forget that whereas a meeting may reach a man once, the Weekly People can be made to reach him many times. Complaint is made that some comrades do not turn out at open air meetings. Why a real S. L. P. man should absent himself on such occasion is hard to understand.

Section Essex County sells twenty-five Sunday People each week. Five of the Section members here have joined the Press Security League. Section Passaic County reports three new members joined. Section Hoboken has presented loan certificate to management of Party press and has taken two more blocks of Weekly People prepaid subscription cards. Section Union County's first meeting of the campaign was a rouser. Kinnealy and Herrschaft spoke. Section North Hudson's picnic reported a success. D. A. 4, S. T. and L. A. is carrying the agitation into Harrison and nearby towns, with prospect of organizing. In Jersey City all that is needed to make the Kangaroo hop is a few questions from Alliance or S. L. P. men, then circulate "The Difference" among the lookers.

The S. E. C. is opening up connections in unorganized places, and we are ready to send out a comrade to get signatures to petitions and to do what other work we can. But this takes money and

funds are lacking. Comrades should send in what has so far been collected on lists, but keep the lists going.

The most important work at the moment is the getting of signatures to petitions. See that only black ink or black leadpencil is used by signers. The new election law does not allow those who have voted at the primaries of one party, to sign the nomination petition of another party. Nor shall the signer to the petition of one party be allowed to sign the petition of another party. The getting of names can be made the means of doing some agitation work. Give every signer a leaflet anyway. Some of the Sections write that they have no speakers. If they are in earnest they can find other ways to agitate. A systematic distribution of literature may prove more far reaching than an occasional street meeting, and there isn't a member but can help give out leaflets, going from house to house, or in factories, or wherever workingmen do congregate. The WILL find the WAY everytime.

Secretary.

SPECIAL EDITION, GERMAN PARTY ORGAN.

The issue of our German party organ of October 8th, will be a very effective special agitation edition and should reach as many German workingmen as possible. The front page will show a striking allegorical illustration together with the pictures of our presidential candidates. This special edition will contain a translation of Comrade De Leon's "Burning Question of Trades Unionism", a special article on the "Difference," and other good articles. Bundle rates are as follows: 50 copies or less 1 cent per copy; 100-95 cents; 200-\$1.75; 300-\$2.55; 400-\$3.20; 500-\$3.75; 600 or more copies, per 100 70 cents.

Orders, with cash, must be sent not later than October 3d.

Socialistische Arbeiter Zeitung, 103 Columbus street, Cleveland, Ohio.

OHIO, ATTENTION!

Ohio Sections and members-at-large: All petition lists must be certified to and in the possession of the S. E. C. by Sept. 15th. From the returns at hand, the signatures collected are small in number and comrades are urged to make strenuous efforts to collect the required amount at speedily as possible.

James Rugg, Secretary, 1025 Osage street, Cleveland O.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., ATTENTION!

The headquarters just established by Section Milwaukee, S. L. P. at Lips Building, 2nd floor, room 7, northwest corner 3rd and Prairie streets, will be opened next Saturday, Sept. 10 at 8 p. m. There will be speeches by different comrades and a general good time. All comrades of the Section and readers of The People are cordially invited to attend.

C. M. Rubinger, Org.

SPECIAL, SECTION SOUTH HUDSON.

Section South Hudson will hold a special meeting at 143 Beacon avenue, Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 a. m. All petition lists must be in at this meeting. Delegates to county committee are wanted at this meeting.

Organizer.

YONKERS OPEN AIR MEETINGS.

Saturday, Sept. 10, Getty Square. Speakers, R. W. Gaffney and A. Santee. Chairman, Owen Carracher.

Saturday, Sept. 17, Getty Square. Speakers, Joseph H. Sweeney and R. Downs. Chairman, Peter Jacobson.

SOUTH HUDSON OPEN AIR MEETINGS.

2nd and Brunswick streets, Sept. 7, 8 p. m.; Faistre and Communipaw avenue, Sept. 9, 8 p. m.; Central ave and Bower street, Sept. 14, 8 p. m.; Sussex and Washington streets, Sept. 16, 8 p. m.

Organizer.

SECTION NORTH HUDSON MEETINGS.

Friday, Sept. 9, 8 p. m.—Bergenline ave, and Jefferson pl. Union Hill, Julius Eek, speaker.

Friday, Sept. 16—Spring and Monastery streets, West Hoboken, J. J. Kinney, speaker.

CLEVELAND OPEN-AIR AGITATION.

Until further notice, Section Cleveland, S. L. P., will hold open-air meetings as follows: Every Saturday night at 8 o'clock on Public Square; every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at corner of Champlain and Ontario streets. Members and sympathizers are urgently requested to attend these meetings promptly.

RICHMOND COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

The County and First Senate District Conventions of the S. L. P. of Richmond County, will be held at Comrade Wilton's house, Elm avenue, West New Brighton, S. I. Friday, September 16, at 7:30 p. m.

Jos. H. Wilton, Organizer.

SECTION RICHMOND COUNTY, S. L. P.

BOSTON OPEN AIR MEETINGS.

Friday, September 9, Central Square, East Boston

NEW YORK OPEN AIR MEETINGS.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 8 P. M.
28th Assembly District—81st street and First avenue. Chairman, E. Moenlis. Speakers: F. A. Olpp, T. Haupt and L. Wieder.

33rd Assembly District—11th street and First avenue. Speakers: Baldelli and Messina (Italian meeting).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 8 P. M.

10th Assembly District—N. W. corner of 7th street and avenue A. Chairman, A. M. Scherzer. Speakers: Joseph S. Klein, I. Friedman and others.

21st Assembly District—S. E. corner of 101st street and Amsterdam avenue. Chairman, A. Zimmerman. Speakers: James T. Hunter and Charles Rathkopf.

35th Assembly District—Tremont and Bathgate avenues. Speakers: Charles Chase and A. Levine.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 8 P. M.

7th Assembly District—N. W. corner of 17th street and 8th avenue. Chairman, P. Cody. Speakers: H. A. Santee and John J. Kinnally.

8th Assembly District—N. W. corner of Eldridge and Grand streets. Speakers: S. Smilansky and I. Schaefer.

12th Assembly District—N. W. corner of Norfolk and Grand streets. Speakers: Schlossberg, Chaiken and Wieder.

19th Assembly District—S. W. corner of 67th street and Amsterdam avenue. Speakers: August Gillhaus and A. Sater.

30th Assembly District—88th street and Second avenue. Chairman, J. Slevin. Speakers: F. A. Olpp, T. Haupt and S. Moskowitz.

BROOKLYN OPEN AIR MEETINGS.

Friday, September 9, 8 p. m.

Twenty-first Assembly District—Knickerbocker avenue and Stanhope street.

Speakers: E. Mueller and E. F. Wege-

ner.

Saturday, September 10, 8 p. m.

Seventh Assembly District—Third avenue and Twenty-fourth street.

Speakers: E. Archer and August Gil-

haus.

CHICAGO OPEN AIR MEETINGS.

Saturday, September 10.

Ninety-second and Commercial.

Speakers: Nielen and Koch.

Milwaukee and Armitage. Speakers: Barnard and Lingenfelter.

Monday, September 12.

Madison and Jefferson. Speakers: Nielen and Koch.

Halstead and O'Brien. Speakers: Barnard and Lingenfelter.

Tuesday, September 13.

Halstead and Congress. Speakers: Barnard and Lingenfelter.

Wednesday, September 14.

Belmont and Sheffield. Speakers: Barnard and Lingenfelter.

Hilstead and Fullerton. Speakers: Koch and Nielen.

Thursday, September 15.

Forty-seventh and State. Speakers: Barnard and Lingenfelter.

Forty-eighth avenue and Lake street.

Speakers: Koch and Nielen.

Friday, September 16.

Forty-third and Cottage Grove.

Speakers: Koch and Nielen.

Hilstead and Root. Speakers: Barnard and Lingenfelter.

Saturday, September 17.

Ninety-second and Commercial.

Speakers: Barnard and Lingenfelter.

Twelfth, Ogden and Oakley. Speakers: Koch and Nielen.

Wednesday, September 21.

Geo. Moritz, Brooklyn, N. Y.

W. Clough, City.

C. Vanderlieth, City.